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1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONVERSATIONS REPORTED IN
REFTEL, THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER DISCUSSED THE
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ENERGY ACTION GROUP WITH LAHNSTEIN, THE ENERGY ADVISOR

IN THE CHANCELLERY. LAHNSTEIN CONFIRMED THE REPORTS OF LANTZKE AND LAUTENSCHLAGER THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO USE ITS CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EC COUNCIL TO PUSH FOR EC SUPPORT OF THE EAG.

2. LAHNSTEIN ALSO SAID THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO PUSH HARD FOR A COMMON EC ENERGY POLICY DURING THE COMING WEEKS AND THAT AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THIS POLICY WOULD BE COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED AS EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION WITH THE US COMMON EFFORTS AT DEEP SEA DRILLING, RESEARCH ON COAL GASSIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION, JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE TAR SANDS, DEVELOPMENT OF SHALE DEPOSITS AND A COMMON CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR MULTINATIONAL OIL CORPORATIONS. LAHNSTEIN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT'S DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY COOPERATION ANNOUNCED IN THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JAN 3, SINCE THE US PROPOSAL WOULD BE A KEY ELEMENT IN THE FORMULATION OF ANY FRG INITIATIVE ON MULTINATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, LAHNSTEIN SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT ALLOW THE OTHER EC COUNTRIES TO THWART ITS EFFORTS IN THIS AREA BY BLOCKING AN EFFECTIVE COMMON EC ENERGY POLICY. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD WORK HARD TO ATTAIN SUCH AN EC POLICY BUT THAT IT WAS PREPARED, IF NECESSARY, TO COOPERATE WITH THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES EITHER BILATERALLY OR IN SOME OTHER MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK IN THE EVENT THAT ALL OR SOME OF ITS EC PARTNERS WERE UNWILLING TO AGREE TO MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION.
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